

Transportation Advisory Committee

January 10, 2018, 7:15 pm to 8:40 pm, Town Hall 2nd floor conf. room

Present: Chuck Giroux, Mike Gordon, Pam Heidell, Melissa Laube, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Corey Rateau

Missing members: Wayne Chouinard, Bill Copithorne, Seth Federspiel, Brian Kmetz, Marjorie Moores, Victor Rivas, Scott Smith

Non-Members Present: None

Administration. ~~Minutes of 12/13/17 approved unanimously.~~ Correspondence sent/received includes a memo [regarding requesting](#) a change to the traffic restriction at the intersection of Venner Rd and Concord Turnpike [to provide an exception for bikes](#).

The Assistant Director of the Town Planning Department will sit on the TAC to replace Laura Wiener.

Public Comments. No members of the public were in attendance.

Town Issues.

- Wayne noted that the [light-revised traffic signal](#) at Swan Place is working. The Lake St. signal has been designed, and the Town is working towards funding the signal. The Mystic St. bridge will proceed to its 25% design submittal this month. The Town has been working with the MBTA on the bus prioritization grant.

TAC Social. Howard noted that the TAC social would be moved to 3/14.

Venner St. @ Concord Turnpike. TAC discussed a potential exemption [for bicycles](#) to the [DO NOT one-way ENTER](#) restriction ~~for bicycles along~~ Venner St [at the Route 2 Frontage Rd](#). The committee decided to postpone until the next meeting for a vote on the topic.

Gibbs School Traffic Analysis. Jeff met with the Gibbs School officials to discuss issues noted at previous meeting. The architect is currently working through ideas. Another meeting was scheduled for this week. The school is also looking into potential funding for an additional bus.

School Zones. TAC will work towards developing school zones around St. Agnes with the goal to aim for recommendations for the March or April Board of Selectmen meeting.

Arlington Center Safe Travel Project. This topic was skipped as Wayne provided information about the Swan Place light during the town issues discussion item.

Speed Safety Zones. Jeff noted that a 25 mph speed for the 85th percentile of vehicles is ideal for a speed safety zone. Based on this criteria, Herbert St. would qualify for a speed safety zone but Jason St. may not. To implement a speed safety zone, the Town would need to have an engineering study and speed assessment done. TAC will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Lake Street Traffic Signal Design. This topic was skipped as Wayne provided information about the Lake St. progress during the town issues discussion item.

Bike Share Program. Howard provided an update that MAPC has released a RFP for bike share in outside communities, and is now reviewing responses. A decision is expected in the upcoming months.

Arlington Reservoir Master Planning. Howard sent a plan for Lowell St. to the Department of Recreation. There is an opportunity for further coordination between the Arlington Reservoir Master Planning and the Lowell St. improvements. Moving driveways at the Reservoir could lead to improvements in the Lowell St. plans.

School Issues/Pedestrian Flags. The flag at the intersection of Gray St. and Pine Ridge needs maintenance. Mike will fix this month.

Appleton St./Paul Revere Rd. Corey is working to get additional counters and could potentially do four-way counts and speeds at the Appleton St./Park Ave. intersection to assess whether the intersection would meet the warrant for a traffic [lightsignal](#). Wayne will look at bump-out designs at the Park Ave./Appleton St. and Park Ave./Paul Revere Rd. intersections. Wayne will also look at a potential left turn lane from Park Ave. in the northbound direction turning left onto Paul Revere Rd. There is also the potential for an electric speed sign on Paul Revere Rd. but there may not be enough space for it. Howard will bring speed information to next month's meeting.

Safe Pedestrian Access at Bus Stops. Howard is pulling together recommendations and will complete for next month's meeting.

Mass Ave. BRT Study. This topic was skipped ~~as Wayne provided information about the Lake St. progress during the town issues discussion item~~ [because there was no representative of the Planning department in attendance](#).

Bike Path @ Water St. Scott contacted ABAC about this working group, and the working group will include a member from ABAC.

Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

- Meeting Materials:
 - Meeting Packet for December: Agenda 1/10/18; Minutes of 12/13/17; Individual Action List 1/10/18; Project List 1/10/18.
 - Memo to Howard Muise from Marie Krepelka, Board of Selectmen Administrator, regarding Change to Traffic Restriction @ Intersection of Venner Road and Concord Turnpike, December 21, 2017.